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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY BONN  
AMEMBASSY VALLETTA  
INFO AMEMBASSY ROME  
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AMEMBASSY MADRID

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR

SUBJECT: MALTESE-GERMAN DIALOGUE

DURING FEBRUARY 14 TALK WITH FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY REP  
PFEFFER, DEPTOFF RAISED SUBJECT OF MALTA. PFEFFER, SAYING  
GENSCHER HAD INTENDED TO SPEAK TO SECRETARY ABOUT IT LAST  
WEEK-END, DESCRIBED FRG VIEW ALONG FAMILIAR LINES BUT MADE  
CLEAR THAT GERMANS CONSIDERED THEMSELVES IN SECOND RANK OF  
RESPONSIBLE COUNTRIES, AFTER ITALY AND FRANCE. DEPTOFF  
MADE FOLLOWING STANDARD POINTS: THAT WE ARE SYMPATHETIC TO  
MALTA AND ITS PROBLEMS, THAT WE TAKE NO POSITION ON ITS  
NEUTRALITY PROBLEMS IN BELIEF THAT ANY ARRANGEMENT WORKED  
OUT WITH OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO US; THAT  
MALTA IS IN FIRST INSTANCE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EUROPE AND  
THAT NO ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR MALTA ARE CONTAINED IN 1979  
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BUDGET. PFEFFER THOUGHT WE WOULD NONETHELESS BE APPROACHED  
ON POSSIBLE AID TO MALTA, THOUGH EXPECTATIONS WOULD NOT BE  
HIGH. VANCE

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